

MAJOR RICHARD B. ALEXANDER.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 609.]

JANUARY 9, 1857.

Mr. QUITMAN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 609, for the relief of Major R. B. Alexander, report :*

The evidence establishes that Major R. B. Alexander, of the 1st regiment of Tennessee volunteers in the war with Mexico, was severely wounded in the battle of Monterey, in consequence of which he was prevented from marching with his regiment when it was ordered to proceed to Vera Cruz. After his recovery he proceeded to join his regiment by the way of Brazos St. Iago. At the latter place he was obliged, by order of General Worth, then in command there, on account of deficiency of transportation, to leave his horse and mule in charge of Quartermaster Hill, under an engagement that they should be forwarded to him. Whether forwarded or not is not known ; but it appears they never were received by Major Alexander.

The government, having thus failed to furnish to a field officer, on a duty which required him to embark on sea, the means of transportation for his necessary horses, is liable to pay for their loss. The value of the animals thus lost is proven to be two hundred and fifty dollars. The committee, therefore, report back the bill with a recommendation that it do pass.

